

**JOINT COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

DATE: 06 July 2021

ITEM 6: Petitions and Petition Responses

SUBJECT: Victoria Street, Englefield Green

PETITION DETAILS:

The Runnymede Joint Committee has received a petition stating, “We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to introduce traffic calming measures/speed bumps. We would like the council to put in speed bumps into Victoria Street, Englefield Green and change the speed limit to 20mph”.

Lead petitioner: Alison Poole

Number of signatures: 55 signatures

RESPONSE:

Surrey County Council (SCC) and Surrey Police have a partnership called Drive SMART which aims to tackle concerns over speeding and anti-social driving. As part of the initiative, local speed management plans have been developed for each District and Borough to help identify the sites with the worst speeding problems.

When residents raise concerns about speeds in a road, a survey is undertaken to assess the extent of any speeding problem and the safety record is also examined. This information is then used to determine whether the location should become a high priority site on the speed management plan and targeted for action (which could be enforcement, education or engineering measures).

In response to concerns previously raised about vehicle speeds in Victoria Street, a speed survey was carried out from 30 September to 16 October 2020. The survey recorded the speed of all vehicles travelling in both directions over this period and the average vehicle speed was 21mph. This indicates a very good level of compliance with the speed limit.

The safety record for Victoria Street has also been assessed and there has been 1 personal injury collision in the road since 2012 (earliest available data). Excessive speed was not recorded as a contributory factor in the collision (which involved a vehicle emerging from a side road hitting a pedestrian).

Given both the good level of compliance with the speed limit and good safety record relative to so many other sites on the Runnymede speed management plan, it would be difficult to justify the introduction of measures at the location as a priority. Furthermore, the introduction of measures such as traffic calming and a 20mph speed limit would be unlikely to have any

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significant impact given the already relatively low average speed. For example, there are many roads with existing traffic calming measures where average speeds are significantly above that recorded in Victoria Street.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Committee is asked to note:

- (i) The results of a speed survey and an examination of collision data indicate Victoria Street has both a good level of compliance with the speed limit and a good safety record relative to other locations on the Runnymede speed management plan.
- (ii) There are currently no proposals to introduce traffic calming measures or a reduced speed limit in Victoria Street, and the introduction of such measures would be difficult to justify as a priority when many sites on the speed Runnymede speed management plan have a significantly lower level of compliance with the speed limit and a much poorer safety record.
- (iii) Victoria Street will be retained on the Runnymede speed management plan and vehicle speeds and collision rates will continue to be monitored.

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